Central aid to States for development of tourism

301. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of Central aid given to various States for development of tourism during the last ten years indicating the break-up year-wise;

(b) what are the reasons for which Maharashtra has not been given adequate funds inspite of the fact that 80 per cent of caves listed in the World Heritage Book are situated in Maharashtra;

(c) whether there is any proposal for Japanese aid to Buddhist Centres in the country; and

(d) whether there is any specific proposal for Japanese aid to Ajanta and Ellora?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The details of financial assistance given by the Central Department of Tourism to various States for creation of tourism infrastructure during the last ten years, are given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 10].

(b) The Department provides financial assistance to States for creation of tourism infrastructure on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments subject to merits of the proposals, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. The Department had received proposals from the Government of Maharashtra for Ajanta Caves and Elephanta Island for which appropriate financial assistance was sanctioned by the Department.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for Japanese aid to Buddhist Centres located in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

(d) No, Sir.

Grant of teaching allowance to Laboratory Assistants

302. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are reconsidering the proposal of All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association for grant of Teaching Allowance to Laboratory Assistants; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) (a) and (b) The matter regarding grant of teaching allowance to Laboratory Assistants working in schools of Union Territories and autonomous bodies like Kendriya Vidyalayas is under consideration.

Complaints of mal-administration in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 Agra

303. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has received many complaints of shortage of furniture for students and non-availability of chemicals in laboratories in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 of Agra;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Complaints against the principal alleging mal-administration, lack of